Organizational Conflicts of Interest Unfair Advantage in Seeking Funding

Government contemplates program/ funding opportunity

LBNL develops specifications or statement of work

the LBNL receives information from funding agency not released or available to the public

Restrictions on LBNL ability to propose or compete for subject funding

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- Research priorities
- New facilities
- New projects

"We are interested in competing for this funding opportunity, so, regrettably, we cannot assist you in developing the SOW."

... or...

"We are thinking about submitting an unsolicited proposal in this area so let's limit our discussions to information that is available publicly."

